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City hosts workshop on social justice schemes

Senior IAS Officers, Secretaries from Southern States, Union Territories deliberate on better empowerment

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A. Narayanaswamy addressing the inaugural session of regional workshop at Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel this morning. Seen on the dais (from left) are Additional Chief Secretaries, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Government of India, T.C. Jawahar and Surendra Singh, Minister for Social Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Merugu Nagarjuna, Karnataka Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Classes Kota Srinivas Poojari, Minister for Social Welfare, Government of Puducherry, C. Djeacoumar and Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra.

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&BCT)- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, is hosting a two-day regional workshop on the acts, rules and implementation of its related schemes at Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel in city. The conference was inaugurated this morning by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A. Narayanaswamy.

The Ministry has initiated to conduct three regional workshops to create awareness about the schemes, acts/rules implemented by the Department among the State Governments and to resolve the issues with mutual discussion and for better implementation of the schemes at the grassroot level.

The Department has successfully conducted a regional workshop for 16 North and Eastern regions and Union Territories on Nov. 25 and Nov. 26, 2022 at Agartala in Tripura. The workshop being held in Mysuru is the second regional workshop where nine States and Union Territories are involved in the deliberations.

Delegates, mostly senior IAS Officers, Secretaries and Commissioners from Karnataka, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Telangana, Odisha, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands are discussing various schemes implemented by the Centre and State Governments. The Mysuru District is being represented by DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra.

The event began with registration and welcome address by Surendra Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Later, Karnataka Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Classes Kota Srinivas Poojari listed out various schemes of the State Government for the welfare of backward classes.

Minister for Social Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Merugu Nagarjuna presented his Government schemes aimed at the SC/ST welfare and his counterpart Minister from Puducherry C. Djeacoumar listing out various schemes launched by his Government for the welfare of backward classes.

(See WORKSHOP on page 6)

Conference of National Zoo Directors begins

*FROM LEFT: **Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member Jyothi Rechanna, Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department Jawaid Akhtar, Mayor Shivakumar, ZAK Chairman M. Shivakumar, Central Zoo Authority Member-Secretary Dr. Sanjay Kumar Shukla, ZAK Member Gokul Govardhan and Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni seen releasing** Ex-Situ Updates: Double Edition **during the National Conference of Zoo Directors at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza this morning.***

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Good Zoos are conservation agencies as they not only provide a critical haven for endangered species but also a unique environment to learn both from and about animals. In order to share these learnings with other Zoos across India, a two-day National Conference for Zoo Directors began at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza here this morning.

Over 57 delegates including directors and representatives from 25 States are attending the conference to utilise critical information on Zoo maintenance and its allied topics including conservation of wildlife through captive breeding, rescue and rehabilitation and research and educational programmes. The crux of the conference is improving the relationship between people and wildlife and conservation.

(See CONFERENCE on page 6)

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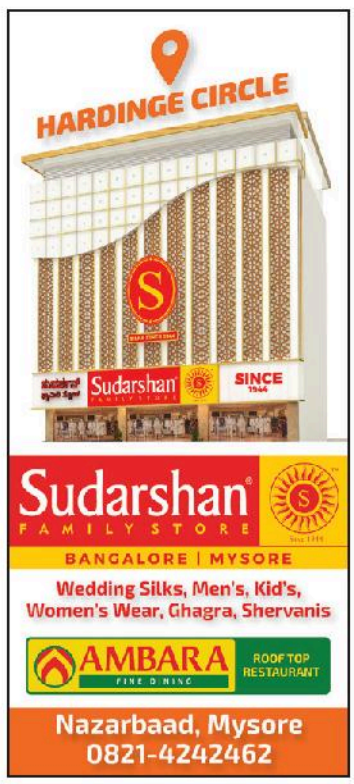

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 18th January 2023

A. Maruthi takes charge as In-charge DCP of CAR

***A. Maruthi** (right), who took charge as the In-charge Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of City Armed Reserve (CAR) being greeted by outgoing DCP Shivaraju, who had been transferred and posted as the Commandant of Karnataka Armed Reserve Police (KARP) Mounted Police Company.*

City athlete selected for All India Inter-University Meet

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS) - V. Ambika of University of Mysore, who participated in the South West Zone Inter-University Athletics Championship 2022-23 held at Chennai, has bagged a Silver Medal in Shot Put at the championship and has been selected to participate in All India Inter-University Athletics Championships to be held from Feb. 20 to 23 in Chennai.

V. Ambika

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In modern societies, much of the stress is not so much physical as it is mental. The challenges we face are mostly at the level of the mind. Often, in work situations, we have to find agreement with people who have different opinions and ideas than we do. We all have different ways of looking at the world. Every day we are faced with choices. Are we going to take action that tears people apart or action that brings people together? Do our words cause division or do they bring people together? Loving, caring words that make people feel comfortable bring people together. But we seldom think about the words we say or the actions we take. It's important to have a loving interaction with everyone that we meet. Our words are very potent and have a long-lasting effect. So, it is imperative to pay attention to our words, and make an effort to genuinely listen to others, to have loving interactions that bring peace and calm into our surroundings.

In our jobs, we often have to work on committees or make policy decisions. Do we promote policies that show love and tolerance towards people, or do they perpetrate more prejudice, discrimination and bigotry? Do we go on autopilot saying and doing whatever pops into our heads, the moment someone does something we don't like, and do not think of the effect our words and deeds have? Words, once spoken, cannot be retracted, and it is for this reason that we must think twice before we say something. Additionally, when we bring pain to someone with our words, we influence their outlook on life, and this can in turn impact the lives of others that they interact with. Our words, even if spoken in jest, have the power to heal or to harm, and we have full control over the words we speak. In the same vein, we are also responsible for the impact and outcome of our words, regardless of what our original intent might have been. We should be very careful about the words that we use to ensure that we bring joy and happiness through them. As we resolve to do so, we will find that we bring peace to ourselves and to our surroundings.

— Sant Rajinder Singh in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Device that rates deliciousness of soba noodles

Nagano: A company based in Nagano recently announced that it had created the world's first noodle taste analyser, a machine that can scientifically estimate the tastiness of soba noodles within seconds.

Japan's Nagano Prefecture is well-known for its soba noodles, a popular variety made with buckwheat flour. To honour the prefecture's soba noodle production, local tool-maker Yatsurugigiken Inc. teamed up with Shinshu University's Faculty of Agriculture to create the world's first noodle deliciousness analyser.

The high-tech device applies ultraviolet LED-induced fluorescence to around 2 grams of buckwheat flour and measures the levels of phospholipids, proteins, and other taste-related substances. Within seconds, flavour ratings in four different categories (taste, aroma, greenness, freshness) are displayed on an LED display.

Man finds success modelling women's footwear!

Beijing: A 41-year-old man has reportedly been making a killing selling women's high heel shoes and boots by modelling them himself. The unnamed man who reportedly hails from China's Sichuan province recently made news headlines after it was revealed that he had been using a very unusual technique to boost up his online sales. Live stream commerce is big business in China, but the competition is so stiff that entrepreneurs constantly have to come up with gimmicks to set themselves apart and gain potential customers.

In this particular case, the guy films himself walking and even running in the high-heel women's footwear he sells and people seem to love it.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Who are at risk for prostate enlargement?
Men above 50 years having Diabetes, obesity, family history of enlarged prostate and having metabolic syndrome are at risk for enlarged prostate.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. – Consultant – Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

'Listening to music helps in better health conditions'

Mysuru, Jan.18 (TRR) - "Listening to music helps in better health apart from providing happiness, Music will also strengthen emotional bonding," opined Dr. C.V. Shilpa, Gynaecologist at Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital in city.

She was speaking as the chief guest at a function "Srikanta Ragalahari" organised jointly by Srikanta Women's Pre-University College, Department of Kannada and Culture and Suvidhatri Kala Pratishtana, at the College premises near Agrahara here recently.

"Listening to music leads to the disappearance of diseases and results in better health conditions. Music lends joy, improves emotional bonding and keeps us away from diseases. Women should study and practice various forms of music such as Classical, Light Music, Hindustani and Folk," added Dr. Shilpa, who was felicitated on the occasion.

Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, who spoke on the occasion, felt that it is possible to reform family if the woman is educated. He regretted that the present cell phone culture is taking away the joy of cultural and traditional practices and called upon women to become IAS/KAS officers in this competitive world.

PDG Ln. Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, K. Varadaraja Iyengar Memorial Trust Treasurer N.S. Rangarajan, Ln. H. Ashwathnarayan, JSS Medical College Clinical Embryologist (IVF) and playback singer Dr. Sumanth Vasistha, College Principal Subbalakshmi and others were present.

REALLY...?

- *There are more than 60 eagle species.*
- *Eagles usually live in the wild for 20-30 years. In contrast to most birds, its lifespan is considerably longer. The oldest known eagle in the wild lived for as long as 38 years old.*
- *Eagles only use little energy when they are flying high. Although they can soar altitudes of 10,000 feet to 15,000 feet, they fly in long glides to conserve energy.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Applicants for a job on a dam had to take a written examination and the first question was:
What does hydrodynamics mean?
Mulla Nasrudin, one of the applicants for the job, looked at this and then wrote against it:
IT MEANS I DON'T GET JOB...!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.60
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.47
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.22
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.08

VOICE OF THE READER

Unviable timings of Vande Bharat Express

Sir,

It is really beyond anybody's comprehension that how Indian Railways has scheduled to run Vande Bharat Express and Shatabdi Express trains between Chennai and Mysuru almost at the same time.

Whatever may be the operational difficulties or constraints to select different timings, the time schedule of the newly introduced Vande Bharat Express cannot be justified.

Also more shocking is that both the trains will not be running on Wednesdays !

Considering the number of passengers travelling between these two cities, I do not think that both the trains running at the same time will be viable for the Railways. Probably in that case, the Railways may cancel Shatabdi Express at the later date.

Best option would be to start Vande Bharat Express from Mysuru at around 7 am to reach Chennai at around 1 pm and return journey from Chennai to Mysuru scheduled at around 2 pm. This timings will be convenient to passengers from Bengaluru also.

I fail to comprehend based on what statistics the current timing of Vande Bharat Express was selected.

—K. Chandrahas

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Obituary

Merianda Parvathy

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Merianda Parvathy (Mundiyolanda), wife of late Appaiah (Papa) and a resident of No. 39, 24th Block Road, SBM Colony, Srirampura, passed away in the wee hours of today in city. She was 96.

She leaves behind one daughter, five sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

N. Srinivas

N. Srinivas (54), Paricharaka at Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Sarojamma

Sarojamma (85), wife of late Narayanashetty of Doddinduwadi village in Kollegal taluk, passed away following brief illness on Sunday at her son's residence in Mysuru. She leaves behind two sons, three daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Ramabainagar Burial Grounds here on Monday, according to family sources

Sunil

Gundlupet: Sunil (25), a JCB driver and a resident of Kandegala village in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

He leaves behind father Ningaiah, mother Chennajamma, wife Pratima, brother Nagaraju and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed yesterday.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified woman on the stretch between Mysuru City and Ashokapuram Railway Stations and have registered a case. The deceased is aged between 40 and 45 years, 5 ft. tall, dark complexioned, normal built, round faced and was wearing a white and blue floral design saree.

Man dies at hospital: In another case, an unidentified man, who was found lying sick near Sector 3 in Mysuru Railway Station Yard and was admitted to K.R. Hospital by the Railway Police, has breathed his last at the hospital. The deceased is aged between 60 and 65 years, 5.6 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, well built and oval faced.

The kith and kin of the deceased persons may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

MLA Ramdas launches overall development works of Parks in K.R. Constituency

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB&KS)- Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas yesterday launched the overall development works of seven Parks in his Constituency.

The Parks that would be developed are: Tagadur Ramachandra Rao Park in Chamundipuram and the Park opposite to Shankaranarayana Swamy Temple in Ward No. 55, the Park on Ramanuja Road 19th Cross, Basaveshwara Park near Gun House Circle and Vishwamanava Kuvempu Park in Ward No. 51, the Park near Karaga Temple in Ittigegud and the Twin Park in K.C. Nagar coming under Ward No. 52.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that 16 Parks in the Constituency have been modified into thematic Parks to spread messages pertaining to health and yoga and also information on Kanakadasa, Basaveshwara and Science to the people.

Pointing out that works for the overall development of seven Parks were launched by him, he said that the development of all these Parks would be completed in two months to provide green cover for morning and evening walkers.

Corporators M.V. Ramprasad, B.V. Manjunath and Chayadevi, leaders Purushotham, Shivappa, Balakrishna, Vidya Urs, Umashankar, Sandeep, Kiran, Vijaya, Baby, Pavan, Vinay, Murali, Mallikarjun, Dharmendra, Shantha, Manjunath, Rajkumar, Mahesh and others were present.

'Maintain the sanctity of Parks Act'

It is commendable that MLA Ramdas has launched a long-delayed development plan to promote better management of Parks in his K.R. Constituency. During Shilpa Nag's term as MCC Commissioner, the activists had developed a vision document for preserving 525 Parks of Mysuru.

While we certainly should beautify the Parks and add to the greenery, it is against The Karnataka Parks, Play-Fields and Open Spaces (Preservation and Regulation) Act, 1985 to construct any buildings for any noble purpose like library, to teach science, to spread noble teachings, construct senior citizens' health facilities, yoga centre, water tanks, etc. We urge the authorities to comply with the Act and maintain the sanctity of the Parks Act.

—Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy,
Founding President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)

Menace of anti-social elements in Parks: Samithi lodges Police complaint

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SBD&KS)- Alleging that most of the Parks in city have become unsafe for women and children, the office-bearers of **Nagarika Hitarakshana Samithi** recently lodged a complaint with City Police Commissioner.

In the complaint, they have stated that the menace of anti-social elements had increased in most of the Parks especially in Cheluvamba Park near Akashvani, the Park near Kamakshi Hospital, the Park behind Sri Venkataramanaswamy Temple and Parks in N.R. Mohalla and Udayagiri among others, by those consuming liquor and narcotic substances.

Pointing out that women and children feel afraid to go for walks in these Parks, the Samithi said that these anti-social elements tease women using foul language, extort money from those sitting in Parks and threaten those who question them.

They said that the miscreants remain silent when the Police come on their regular beat and again commence their illegal activities as soon as the Police leave the place. Also many victims have not lodged complaints out of fear. Hence, the Samithi has urged the City Police Commissioner to make these Parks free from anti-social elements.

The Samithi has also complained about transgenders who harass motorists and passengers for money at traffic signals and abuse them if they do not give money. They have urged the Police to check the menace of transgenders also.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Technical Talks

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, has organised the following Technical Presentations at its S.P. Bhat Hall on JLB Road at 6 pm: **Jan. 18** - Talk on 'Energy Conservation' by Dr. B.S. Sreekanthan, Research Supervisor, VTU, retd. Engineer, KPTCL and former Associate Professor and HoD of Electrical Engineering, NIE-IT, Mysuru; **Jan. 19** - Talk on 'The Taming of the Virus - Engineering Viruses to benefit Humanity' by Dr. Srinivas N. Kumar, Visiting Scientist, Department of Life Sciences, Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, Mysuru and former Research Associate Professor, Saint Louis University, USA. B.S. Prabhakara, Chairman, IEI, Mysuru, will preside.

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Jan. 19) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Jayanagar 1st to 20th Cross & 'K' Block, Chennagiri Koppal, Chikkaharadanahalli, Shivaram Layout, Srirampur 2nd Stage, Mahadevapura, Shivapura, Ramabainagar, Parasayyanahundi, Gorur and surrounding areas.

Free eye camp

A free eye and vision camp along with cataract identification camp has been organised at Annapoorna Eye Hospital, J.P. Nagar and Hootagalli branches, from Jan. 19 to 21 from 10 am to 4 pm with all COVID-19 preventive measures. Cataract surgery and lab investigations will be done at a affordable price. For registration, call: Ph: 0821-4056837 or 2953658 or Mob: 74062-84552.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	116.86 feet
Yesterday	:	117.10 feet
Inflow	:	1,029 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,147 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,272.28 feet
Inflow	:	366 cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,828.71 feet
Inflow	:	112 cusecs
Outflow	:	70 cusecs

CM Bommai to distribute aids to differently-abled at N'gud on Jan. 29

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (BS)- Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad has said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will be inaugurating the programme organised to distribute aids and equipment for the differently-abled under a programme organised by Central Government's Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, at Taluk Stadium in Nanjangud on Jan. 29.

Presiding over the preliminary meeting organised at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium on Monday, Prasad said: "The differently-abled in Varuna, T. Narasipur, Nanjangud and H. D. Kote Assembly constituencies, coming under Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency, will be given the required equipment. A similar programme for the differently-abled was organised recently, covering 1,693 beneficiaries from four Assembly segments in Chamarajanagar district."

In all, 68 Lok Sabha constituencies in the country have been selected for this special facility and Chamarajanagar is the only constituency identified in Karnataka for the purpose. A total of 1,499 beneficiaries will be attending the forthcoming event and the Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) should take the responsibility of their transportation and make the event a success, said Sreenivasa Prasad.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra said: "It is a special event and the Executive Officers of Taluk Panchayats must take the responsibility of their transportation. The five percent grant-in-aid reserved for the differently-abled at ZP should be utilised for the purpose. Various counters should be opened to distribute the appliances for the differently-abled, along with displaying the information."

The DC also directed all the Departments to open stalls of schemes available with them.

Mysuru ZP CEO B.R. Poornima, Dy. Secretaries Prem Kumar & Krishnam Raju and other district-level officials were present.

Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh Mysuru Unit seeks solution to workers' problems

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB&TRR)- Demanding the implementation of their various demands including the confirmation of services of internal and external contract employees of Health and Family Welfare Department and implementation of Srinivasachari Report on the subject, revision and fixation of KSRTC employees salaries on par with Government employees and scrapping of internal contract and external out sourcing labour system, activists of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) District Unit staged a protest near the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office yesterday.

Shouting slogans in support of their demands, the protesters urged the State Government to confirm the services of present contract labourers and raise their monthly services to Rs. 21,000 and revise their salary every three years. They also demanded that the Pension being given to all organised and unorganised labourers be raised to Rs. 5,000 per month.

BMS activists also demanded that the State Government should stop privatising Government and Public Undertaking Units and they should be modernised by adopting latest technology.

"The ESI Scheme facility limit should be increased for all employees from the present Rs. 21,000 to Rs. 35,000 and urged the Government to give equal salary for equal work. If the Government fails to fulfil all our demands, a massive protest will be organised at Bengaluru on Feb. 6," warned the protesters.

Later, they submitted a copy of the demands to the office of DC.

BMS State Secretary Shantakumar, District Vice-Presidents Harish & Chandru, office-bearers Mahesh, P. Balakrishna and others participated in the protest.

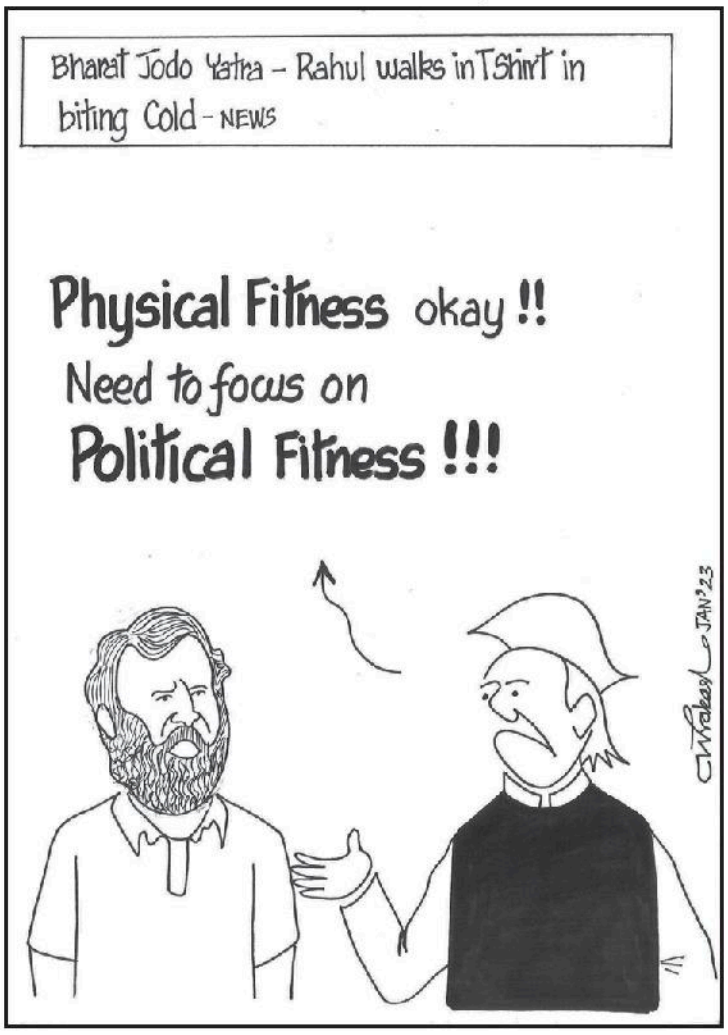
MCC Civil Contractors Association demands redressal of grievances

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Upset over delayed bill payments and other issues concerning them, the MCC Civil Contractors Association has urged the Civic Body to address the grievances of the Contractors, who are facing difficulties at various stages of their work.

In a press release that contains a nine-point charter of demands, the Contractors wanted the MCC to procure key construction materials such as Cement, Tar, Bitumen, Steel etc., from Government Departments for them, as they are facing difficulties over market price fluctuations, introduction of a pension scheme (monthly pension of Rs. 30,000) for Contractors aged over 60 years, payment of Rs. 25 lakh as compensation from the Contractors Benevolent Fund, to the family of Contractors who have died, abolition of e-procurement system for works costing less than Rs. 50 lakh and re-introduction of manual tenders for the same, introduction of slabs for GST as existed when the erstwhile VAT was in force, payment of bills within 30 days of submission, upward revision of S.R. Rates from the next financial year and to ensure smooth supply of all construction materials for Contractors, among others, the release said. For details, contact Mob: 98459-06536.

TEASER

By N. Prakash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JAN'23

SUTTUR JATRA EVENTS

TODAY [January 18]

Inauguration

4 pm: Inauguration of Exhibition by Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister Murugesh Rudrappa Nirani; Agricultural Fair by Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil; Health Camp by Health, Family Welfare & Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar; Cultural Fair by Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari; Millets Fair by State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra; Rangoli & Sobane Pada Competitions by MLA Sowmya Reddy and Boating by MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah; Releasing of book 'Bhajananjali' by Muzrai, Haj & Wakf Minister Shashikala Annasaheb Jolle; Sri Chidananda Swamiji of Sri Hosmath, Mysuru, Sri Sachidananda Bharathi Sripadangalu of Jagadguru Sri Shankaracharya Samsthana, Sri Edneer Mutt, Kasaragod and Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt, Mysuru, will grace the occasion, former CM Jagadish Shettar presides; MLA and Karnataka State Forest Industrial Corporation Limited (KSFIC) Chairman C.S. Niranjankumar and Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Director Dr. V. Lokesh chief guests.

Cultural Events

At Gadduge — 7 pm: Ranga Geethe by Y.M. Puttannaiah and Group, Mysuru; **8 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Uma Ittigi, Director, Ittigi Fine Arts, Virginia, USA; **9 pm:** Tatvapada and Geegi Pada by Savitha Ganesh Prasad and Troupe, Bengaluru.

Dramas

At Exhibition premises — 7 pm: 'Bichida Jolige' by Rangayana, Kalaburagi.

At Hiriyara Mane — 10 pm: 'Daksha Yajna' or 'Bhrigumuniya Garvabhanga' by Sri Basaveshwara Kalasangha, Bhogayyanahundi, Nanjangud taluk.

Sri Siddananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Sri Prabhulinga Leele' by Sri Nadasangama Kalasangha, Sri Gurumalleshwara Layout, Alanahalli, Mysuru.

Next to Government Higher Primary School — 10 pm: 'Shivakumara' by Sri Chamundeshwari Krupaposhita Nataka Mandali, Gowrishankaranagar, Mysuru.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Uttareya Kalyana' or 'Abhimanyuvina Veera Marana' by Kaveri Kala Samaja Seva Trust and Kaveri Kreeda Geleyara Balaga, Bharathinagar (K.M. Doddi), Maddur taluk.

TOMORROW [January 19]

Puja Utsava at Karthru Gadduge

4 am: Maharudrabhisheka, Laksha Bilvarchane, Mahamangalarathi and Silver Chariot Prakarothsava; **6.30 am:** Friendship & Peace March; **8.30 am:** Shatsthala Dhwajarohana (Flag Hoisting) - Sri Mummadi Nirvana Swamiji of Sri Degula Mutt, Kanakapura, Dharma Sandesha (Message) - Sri Shantamallikarjuna Swamiji of Sri Saluru Bruhanmutt, M.M. Hills; **9 am:** Sri Mutt to Karthru Gadduge - Halharavi Utsava (Sahasra Kumbhotsava), Sri Someshwara Uthsava; **6 pm:** Maharudrabhisheka and Mahamangalarati.

Mass Marriage

10 am: Sri Sachidananda Saraswati Swamiji of Sri Vasavi Peetha, Bengaluru and Dr. Sri Chandrashekhara Shivacharya Swamiji of Sri Gurushantheshwara Samsthana Hiremath, Hukkeri, will grace the occasion; Inauguration by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai; MLA and Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha President Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa presides; Distribution of articles by former Dy. CM Dr. G. Parameshwar; Distribution of Mangalya by Public Works Minister C.C. Patil; Administration of Oath by Revenue Minister R. Ashoka; Distribution of certificates by Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar; MLA S.A. Ramdas, former Minister Allam Veerabhadrappa, J.K. Tyre Ltd. Vice-President Vuppu Eshwara Rao, Bharathi Reddy of Food and Drug Administration (retd.), USA and Industrialist from Coimbatore Thirumalai Thambu chief guests.

Bhajana Mela and Buildings Inauguration

4 pm: Dr. Sri Allamaprabhu Swamiji of Sri Naganuru Rudrakshi Mutt, Belagavi and Sri Mahanta Swamiji of Sri Gurumalleshwara Dasoha Mahasamsthana Mutt, Devanur, will grace the occasion; Karnataka Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri presides; Inauguration of Bhajana Mela by Kannada & Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar, Sri Bhandari Basappa Odeyar Complex by Minor Irrigation, Law and ParliamentaryAffairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy and Sri Chidhgana Shivacharya Complex by Higher Education, IT-BT, Science, Technology and Skill Development Minister Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathanarayan; Legislators C. Puttarangashetty, Maritibbegowda, H.K. Kumaraswamy, Aravind Bellad and R. Narendra, Chairman of Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission M. Shivanna and Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (USA) Founder-President Dr. Prakashrao V. Velagapudi chief guests.

Cultural Events

At Gadduge — 8 am: Nadaswara; **9 am:** Sugama Sangeetha (Light Music) by Srikantha Chimal and Team, Kikkeri. K.R. Pet taluk; **10.30 am:** Folk Song and Sugama Sangeetha by K.S. Manjunath, Bengaluru; **12 noon:** Magic Show by Magician Guruswamy, Someshwarapura, Mysuru; **2 pm:** Sutrada Gombe Aata (Puppet Show) by N.T. Murthacharya, Nelligere, Nagamangala taluk; **7 pm:** Vachana Nruthya Roopaka by Seetha D. Chappara, Abhivyakthi Kalathanda, Dharwad; **8 pm:** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Ranjitha Somashekar, Nanjangud; **9 pm:** Folk Music by Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy & Troupe.

Dramas

At Hiriyara Mane — 10 pm: 'Sri Jagajyothi Basaveshwara' by Sri Janaseva Kala Balaga, Chunchanahalli, Nanjangud taluk.

Sri Siddananja Deshikendra Mangala Mantapa — 10 pm: 'Sathyamurthy' or 'Manavendrana Garvabhanga' by Sri Umamaheshwari Hindulida Rangabhoomi Kalavidara Abhivruddhi Seva Trust, Bharathinagar (K.M. Doddi), Maddur taluk.

Next to Government Higher Primary School — 10 pm: 'Daksha Yajna' by Sri Mallikarjunaswamy Kala Sangha, B. Bettahalli, T. Narasipur taluk.

Behind Sri Ghanalinga Shivayogi Guest House — 10 pm: 'Daanashura Karna' by Sri Vighneshwara Samskrutika Charitable Trust, Mysuru.

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Walkathon creates awareness on Millets

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB) - The year 2023 has been declared as the International Year of Millets by the United Nations.

To create awareness about the importance of millets, Mayor Shivakumar flagged off a walkathon from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple in city this morning.

The rallyists, comprising students, NCC cadets and District Officials concerned, carrying placards and raising slogans about the importance of millets, passed through D. Devaraja Urs Road and culminated at Deputy Commissioner's Office premises.

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer B.R Poornima, Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa and District-level Officers of Agriculture Department, representatives of agriculture firms and Farm Equipment Traders Association participated in the walkathon.

A District-level Millets Fest and workshop was scheduled to be held at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in the afternoon.

Tribal youths arrive in city for week-long exchange programme

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (PM) - Hundreds of tribal youths and officials from Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar and Karnataka have arrived in city to take part in the week-long 14th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme, organised under the joint aegis of Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghatan-Karnataka and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Mysuru, at University Fine Arts College on Bogadi Road in Manasagangothri from today till Jan. 24.

The event will be formally inaugurated tomorrow at 10 am by District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna.

A group photo of tribal youths in front of Lalitha Kala Rangamandira in Manasagangothri this morning.

The exchange programme comprises interactions with resource persons, cultural activities, yoga sessions, declamation contest on patriotism and Nation-building, visit to prominent tourist spots in and around the city, seminars on various topics including ayurveda medicines, yoga and meditation, new technology for youth etc., said Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghatan Field Director (Southern States) M.N. Nataraj.

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Cops interact with students on cyber crimes

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RKB&KS)- To create awareness on cyber crimes and steps to be taken to prevent it, a Student-Police interaction meet was held at Rani Bahadur Auditorium in Manasagangothri campus here this morning.

The interaction organised by Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station in association with University of Mysore Research Students Association, was inaugurated by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, who also launched an awareness song composed by Vidu. Rekha Venkatesh, a short film and a documentary film on the occasion.

The song cautions public about cyber crimes that take place without one's knowledge, how strangers lure people with gifts and cheat them, cheating in the guise of providing instant loans, cheating through fraudulent messages and strangers asking for One Time Passwords (OTPs) among others.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh addressing the gathering after inaugurating the Student-Police interaction meet at Rani Bahadur Auditorium in Manasagangothri campus this morning. Picture right shows a section of audience at the programme.

The documentary film, which was screened on the occasion, asks people, especially youths, to be very careful while using internet, getting cheated through fake matrimonial websites, while updating Know Your Customer (KYC) form online and getting cheated after accepting friend requests of strangers.

Speaking on the occasion, City Police Commissioner Ramesh said that people should be very careful while answering phone calls and when fake calls come asking for ATM card details or OTPs, it should not be divulged at any cost.

Securing internet networks and financial details with strong passwords, ensuring that our software is up-to-date, ignoring pop-ups, controlling personal and private data, not sharing OTP and not responding to suspicious calls, texts and mails are some of the steps that might keep us safe from cyber fraud, he added.

Devaraja Sub-Division ACP M.N. Shashidhar, City Crime Branch (CCB) ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan, Prof. Anand and others were present at the interaction meet.

Zoo Directors Conference

A section of delegates during the Conference at Radisson Blu Hotel in city this morning.

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The delegates will debate on master planning and building capacity for species management and conservation breeding. The conference is organised by Central Zoo Authority (CZA) and Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK).

Of the 57 delegates, 14 are resource persons who will deliver lectures on various topics and four senior retired Indian Forest Officers will address the delegates on conservation and Zoo management. Additional Chief Secretary, Karnataka Forest Department Jawaid Akhtar inaugurated the conference in the presence of CZA Member-Secretary Dr. Sanjay Kumar Shukla.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Karnataka Forest Department, Raj Kishore Singh, Mayor Shivakumar, ZAK Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, ZAK Chairman M. Shivakumar, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, ZAK members Gokul Govardhan and Jyothi Rechanna were present.

Planning of conservation breeding

In his remarks, Dr. Shukla said that the conference was organised with the objective of capacity building with focus on the planning of conservation breeding programmes for endangered species, research initiatives, use of innovation and technology in scientific management in Zoos, species acquisition plans and building collaborations.

"The CZA is carrying out the Management Effectiveness Evaluation in 39 Indian Zoos and this kind of evaluation encourages self-reflection and is essential for all-round development and bridging gaps," he said.

Conservation of nature, particularly wild fauna, has remained a high priority of the Government and Zoos play an important role in the ex-situ conservation of wildlife through conservation breeding, rescue and rehabilitation.

Centres of research and education

"Zoos have turned into centres of research and education and through unique initiatives, Zoos have emerged as centres for education and awareness. The Zoo visitation provides an opportunity to sensitise people of all age groups about wildlife conservation," he added.

He advised that Zoos should emphasise programmes for children and youth and build meaningful collaborations with regional and national natural history museums. "Zoos should not only be places for scientific learning but also become integral to the culture of the region. The aim is sustainable development of Zoo animals that takes care of the health of captive animals and co-existence with the local population," Dr. Shukla added.

Despite the challenges brought forth by the pandemic in the past years, Zoos of India have taken up various initiatives to sustain and improve animal welfare.

"Wild animal trafficking is a major challenge Zoos and conservationists are faced with these days," he said.

Workshop on social justice schemes

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They are discussing the ways and means to appropriately implement different flagship schemes of the Central Government for the welfare of SC, ST and OBC communities. The implementation of Maintenance and Welfare of Parent and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 in all districts and sub-divisions are being discussed.

Implementation of best practices

In his address, Narayanaswamy said that the main motto of the workshop is to outline the best practices of Social Welfare Department of States and utilisation of Central Government funds of different schemes for the economic assistance to self-empower and to provide good education facilities to the downtrodden people in the country.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, many skill development programmes have been introduced for the economic and social development. Funds that have been released must be used completely and effectively. Many schemes have been started such as Start-Up India, Stand-Up Scheme, Skill India and SVANidhi for the empowerment of women and their upliftment. These schemes create self-employment opportunities to youths by providing them loans," the Union Minister added.

State's Welfare schemes

Kota Srinivas Poojari highlighted the State Government's measures on implementation of many social justice and empowerment schemes. "We are providing shelters to the needy and homeless senior citizens, and old-age home facilities are also being run in the State for their assistance," he said.

He also highlighted the Government's efforts on skill development and welfare schemes for farmers of the State and said that adequate financial assistance is being provided to the people of the State including farmers.

The State Government has been reaching out to farmers, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, minorities, women and backward classes. Each one of these sections of society were direct beneficiaries of various Government schemes, he said. He directed officials to fully utilise grants earmarked for the development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories and ensure 100 percent achievement.

"With the utilisation of grants, people belonging to these categories should be provided basic amenities as well as personal facilities. Poojari noted that a scheme for providing free power supply to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people is already under implementation.

A view of the Conference Hall at Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

No hunger pangs for students of Maharani's Science College

'Santrupti' scheme provides free lunch for students who come to laboratory classes from far-flung areas

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SBD&BCT)- A sort of 'Akshaya Patra' scheme that provides free mid-day meals to school students has begun at Maharani's Science College. Named 'Santrupti', the initiative provides free and nutritious lunch for students, mostly from the rural parts of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar who travel from far-flung areas.

Dr. D. Ravi

These students start from their homes early to travel 70 to 80 kilometres and reach the college at 8 am. Due to the early schedule, they do not have much time to pack lunch and even their parents cannot rise early and cook food. If they wait for the food to be cooked, they will miss the crucial laboratory classes.

After attending the classes and long laboratory schedules, most of the time they stay hungry and reach home as late as 8 pm, exhausted. While some students frequent canteens and nearby snack stalls, many remain hungry as they cannot afford to buy food from the canteen or eateries.

Realising the problem, the management of the Maharani's Science College launched the initiative where hot food is served to the students. With an aim to seek quality education, students come here from places including H.D. Kote, K.R. Pet, Nagamangala, Kollegal, Chamarajanagar, Nanjangud, K.R. Nagar and Periyapatna.

Leave homes at 6 am

"They start from home at 6 am to reach the college by 8 am to attend the laboratories and don't get time to pack lunch. We observed that a few students fainted during the practical classes at the science lab as they skipped lunch. We felt the need to feed them and together with teachers, we have launched the initiative of providing free lunch. The main objective of 'Santrupti' is that the students should not stay hungry," Principal of the College Dr. D. Ravi told *Star of Mysore.*

As there are no special funds for this scheme from the Government, the Principal and staff decided to pool in money. The overall food expenses will be around Rs. 70,000 per month and already Rs. 1 lakh has been collected. Lunch is served between 1 pm and 1.30 pm and the college canteen has been given the responsibility of serving hot and hygienic food.

"Arrangements have been made to provide lunch for 100 students every day, irrespective of caste and religion. Our lecturers volunteered for this and 'Santrupti' was launched on Jan. 16 where over 60 students are being benefited," Dr. Ravi said.

Distance factor considered

Students who are eligible for the scheme are selected by the Students Welfare Committee and the distance between their homes and the college is the main criteria. "Tokens are distributed to such students and the tokens can be handed over to the food counters. Rice-sambar, tomato bath, puliyogare, pulav and other vegetarian delicacies are served as per the menu," Dr. Ravi added.

Initially, the idea of 'Santrupti' was floated in the interest of students by Dr. Ravi and he received overwhelming response and support from over 40 professors and lecturers. Everyone contributed as the scheme was aimed at protecting the interests of the students and would increase their studiousness and academic performance.

"We understood the pain of the students who were forced to stay hungry and could not concentrate on studies and laboratory work. We have not taken any grants from the Government funds and we have not reached out yet to philanthropists. We want to continue the scheme and will plan the accumulation of funds in the due course," Dr. Ravi said.

On their part, students too are happy with 'Santrupti' as they can focus on studies. Both undergraduate and post-graduate students from all the three years are eligible for the scheme and before the Students Welfare Committee finalises the names, the distance factor is taken into consideration.

CID Director General of Police in city

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&KS)- Director General of Police (DGP) of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Pavanjeet Singh Sandhu (P.S. Sandhu) is in city.

P.S. Sandhu

The DGP, said to be on a private visit, arrived in city with his family members this morning and was received by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar and other Police officers at the DG Guest House (DG Suite), opposite the SP Office in Nazarbad. Sources said the DGP, along with his family members, will go to Kabini in the afternoon.

The CID DGP's visit to Mysuru assumes significance as the CID took over Santro Ravi's case and even taking the three accused into their custody for more questioning. The DGP is said to have held discussions with City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, SP Seema Latkar, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and NR Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar, who was the Investigating Officer in Santro Ravi's case before the case was tranferred to the CID by the State Government.

Meanwhile, the four-member CID team, led by Dy.SP Narasimhamurthy, visited Odanadi, a rehabilitation centre on Hunsur Road in Hootagalli here, where the victim (said to be Santro Ravi's 2nd wife) is sheltered and spoke with her besides collecting information pertaining to the complaints and documents produced by her to the Police.

Santro Ravi, two others handed over to CID

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (RK&KS)- Santro Ravi and his accomplices 45-year-old Ramji and 35-year-old Satish Kumar, who were arrested by Mysuru Police in Ahmedabad and remanded to judicial custody, have been handed over to the CID Police.

The CID Police team, led by Dy.SP Narasimhamurthy, submitted an application seeking custody of all the three accused yesterday for further questioning and the Judge, who heard their plea, handed over Santro Ravi and two others to CID custody till Jan. 30.

The Special Police team arrested the accused trio on Jan. 13 and brought to Mysuru on Jan. 14. On Saturday evening, Judge S. Gururaj remanded them to 14 days judicial custody.

After the State Government transferred the case to CID, the 6th Additional District and Sessions Court extended the judicial custody of all the three till Jan. 25.

Sources said that after CID took custody of all the three accused, they were taken to K.R. Hospital for medical examination and later to Bengaluru.

Twenty three Sub-Inspectors in Southern Range limits transferred

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (SBD&KS)- As many as 23 Sub-Inspectors (SIs) serving in Southern Range limits have been transferred.

Krishnakanth Koli of District CEN Police Station has been transferred to Kavalande, Sushma Lamani of Varuna Police Station transferred to District CEN Police Station, T. Arathi of Biligere has been transferred to Nanjangud Traffic Police Station (1), L. Chandrahasa Nayaka of K.R. Nagar transferred to Yelandur, D.B. Jayaprakash of Antharasanthe has been transferred to Hullahalli, Karibasappa of Yelandur transferred to Biligere, B.K. Maheshkumar of Hullahalli transferred to Kollegal Town, B. Mahendra of Kavalande transferred to Halagur in Mandya, Y.N. Ravi Kumar of Mandya CEN Police Station transferred to Nagamangala Rural, Satish of Nagamangala Rural transferred to Kirugaval, S.G. Sheshadri of Kirugaval transferred to Basaralu, C. Ravishankar of Nagamangala Town transferred to Antharasanthe, D. Ravikumar of Halagur transferred to Shivalli in Mandya, Mallappa of Basaralu transferred to Mandya CEN Police Station, M.S. Jayalakshmamma of Shivalli transferred to Malavalli Town, M.C. Sridhar of Bindiga Navile, Mandya, transferred to Suntikoppa in Kodagu, H.D. Manju of Suntikoppa transferred to Ponnampet, Shivanna Gowda G. Patil of Belur, Hassan, transferred to Halebeedu, V. Chethan of Kollegal Town transferred to Varuna, J. Rajendra of Chamarajanagar East transferred to Bindiga Navile, Hanumanth Uppar of Kuderu transferred to Santhemaralli and T.M. Tajuddin of Santhemaralli transferred to Kuderu Police Station, according to the transfer order from IGP (Southern Range) Pravin Madhukar Pawar.

New team of Sri Bhagavathi Kodava Assn.

A group photo of the new Office-bearers and Committee Members of Sri Bhagavathi Kodava Association, Bogadi, Mysuru. *SITTING FROM LEFT:* ***Thambukuthira Pavana Nanaiah, Bottolanda Sarala Somaiah (Vice-President), Dr. Cheyyanda Subramanya (President), Kokkanda Biddappa (Secretary), Bollachettira Deena Bopanna (Treasurer) and Mukkatira Hema Thammaiah;*** *STANDING FROM LEFT:* ***Mandeyanda Aiyanna, Chodumada Nanjappa, Ukkeriyanda Rakesh Somanna, Coluvanda Vivek Cuttappa, Kottangada Vinod Kumar, Kotera Monnappa, Pemmanda Nanjappa and Chonira Aiyanna.***

Winners of Inter-Kodava Sangha Cricket Tourney

Sri Kaveri Kodava Association, Mysore East, Siddartha Layout, emerged winners of the Kannambira N. Kushalappa Memorial Inter-Kodava Sangha Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament held at Mysore University Grounds on Jan. 15 by defeating Team Igguthappa Kodava Kshemabhivridhi Sangha, Hebbal. The tourney was conducted by Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, Vijayanagar, Mysuru. *Pic. right:* ***Attrangada Sharath Nanjappa who won 'Man of the Series' title posing with trophy.***

Motivational Speaker Shantilal Gulecha visits city

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Shantilal Gulecha *(top row in maroon shirt),* Motivational Speaker from Mumbai, who was in city recently, addressed the gathering in front of Palace North Gate recently at a programme organised by Jeeto Chapter Palace, a Jain organisation. He narrated some beautiful and motivational stories which won the hearts of those present. Members of entire Jeeto family attended and made the programme a success.

Jeeto Chapter Chairman Kantilal Jain, Vice-President Rajesh Salecha, Mahendra Qatari, Chief Secretary, Gautam Salecha, Treasurer, Vinod Bakliwal Shah, Treasurer, Nemichand Shrimal, PRO and others were present.

Senior pensioners felicitated

Mysuru, Jan. 18 (KS)- The Mysuru District Karnataka State Pensioners Association celebrated Pensioners' Day at a function organised at Ganapathi Temple Hall in Ramakrishnanagar in city recently.

The function was inaugurated by a super senior member 92-year-old Narayanaswamy. Association President B.R. Umakanth presided.

Retired Principal Shashikala rendered invocation. Association Treasurer K.M. Nagaraj welcomed. A two minute silence was observed to pay homage to the deceased members. Retired Nursing College Principal Gangadhar demonstrated a few exercises using a chair to prevent joint pains. Dr. Mahesh Kumar and Dr. Pavan V. Joshi, explained about the precautionary measures to be taken to prevent and overcome eye defects and also gave clarifications relating to the eye problems. The Association felicitated 26 super senior members. Cultural programmes were held in which Varada Nayak performed a mono act while others sang songs.

'Crestall' annual charity event held at Government School

Mysuru, Jan.18- Students of The Cresta School of Management, Science and Arts, Bannur Road, Mysuru, welcomed the New Year with 'Crestall', an annual charity event conducted for underprivileged children at the Government Higher Primary School, Kyathamaranahalli on Jan.4. Cresta organises the charity event to encourage students to look beyond their personal ambitions and understand the reality around them.

Promoting social and civic consciousness, Crestall teaches students how to empathise and not sympathise, with those less fortunate than them.

The College students distributed among the school children coupons of various denominations to exchange for the school supplies, clothes and toys displayed in the stalls. Purchasing the materials of their choice, the children felt empowered by the donation. Students of Cresta also entertained the children with cultural programmes. Lunch was served by Cresta, along with distributing prizes to winners of contests. K.R. Rajiv, President of RR Foundation and L. Savithri, Head Mistress of the School, addressed the gathering.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2023

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'Amazing Safari' for C. Dasharatharama Shetty Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Following are the selections for the 10th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Thursday - January 19, 2023:

1.	1.30 PM	**THE GERUSOPPA PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. D DON KING 2. SWISS TIGRESS*
2.	2.00 PM	**THE CRYSTAL MAN PLATE** 1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. JAGUAR 2. ENGELBERG*
3.	2.30 PM	**THE SPARK OF LIFE PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. COUNTRY'S PACE 2. ECO SYSTEM*
4.	3.00 PM	**THE SIRSI PLATE DIV. II** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. MICHELLE PRIDE 2. KESARI QUEEN*
5.	3.30 PM	**THE MYSORE ZOO PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65 (No Whip) *1. GEMINI 2. MILOS*
6.	4.00 PM	**THE C. DASHARATHARAMA SHETTY MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65 *1. AMAZING SAFARI 2. REAL SHOW*
7.	4.30 PM	**THE SANGAM PLATE** 1200 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. SMART CADILLAC 2. O HANSINI*
8.	5.00 PM	**THE SIRSI PLATE - DIV. I** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. LEGIONARY 2. BEAUTIFUL OBLIVIAN*

DAY'S BEST: *GEMINI*
DOUBLE: *1. MICHELLE PRIDE 2. LEGIONARY*
JACKPOT: *4,5, 6, 7, 8*
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EXACTAS: *7,8*

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Singer-Composer Zaeden performs at MYCArnival 2023

Fouzan Raheel, Chairman, MET and Amir Sadan, Secretary, MET, seen after giving away the trophy to Fashion Show winners from Wadiyar Centre for Architecture, Mysuru. Picture right shows Singer-Composer Zaeden performing at MICA College.

Mysuru, Jan. 18- Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts (MICA) hosted MYCArnival 2023 as part of their 10th anniversary celebrations in city recently.

The nonstop entertainment for more than 5 hours hosted a range of performances by MICAns and other College students.

The cultural performances included group singing, dance, martial arts show, flash mob, fashion show to name a few. In the fashion show competition, Wadiyar Centre for Architecture bagged the cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a trophy. The winners received the prize from Fouzan Raheel, Chairman, MET and Amir Sadan, Secretary, MET.

During the event, a video capturing the 10-year journey of MICA, video messages of Management Trustees and a video tribute to late M.N. Ponnamma, the first Principal of the College, was played.

Mumbai-based singer and music composer Zaeden was the star performer of MYCArnival 2023. Zaeden entertained the gathering of more than 3,000 college students with his popular numbers and compositions. The energy packed performance by the artiste enthralled the youths.

The event sponsors included Afex Steel & Land Developers, Vastram, K&F events, Naksha builders, Splash Berry, according to a press release from the College Principal.

Hassan Zilla Balaga presents Pratibha Puraskar for toppers in city

Mysuru, Jan.18 (MTY&TRR)- "Hassan district, which has a Centre of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has its own significance since the time it was ruled by the Kings," opined MLA S.A. Ramdas.

Speaking after releasing the calendar for the year 2023, at the Pratibha Puraskar function, organised by Hassan Zilla Balaga at Institution of Engineers auditorium, on JLB Road in city recently, Ramdas said that Hassan district has its own significance right from the time it was ruled by the erstwhile kings to the present day. The people of Hassan are gutsy and peace-loving.

During the rule of Ashoka, the message of peace was spread in the region. Hassan was a model for good administration during the reign of Hoysala Kings and became very famous for its sculptures of Belur and Halebeedu Temples, There are power-centred temples in the district, he added.

"Despite our political differences, it is a matter of pride for all of us that a Kannadiga became the Prime Minister of the country. At a time when leaders from North Karnataka used to become Chief Ministers of our State, H.D. Deve Gowda from South Karnataka became the Chief Minister of the State and later the Prime Minister of the country and served the people. In my three decades of political life I have seen many efficient officers from Hassan district," Ramdas said and asked the people of Hassan who are residing in Mysuru to contribute to the development of the city.

After presenting Pratibha Puraskar to students, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, who also spoke on the occasion, said that as an MLA, Minister, Chief Minister, MP and Prime Minister (PM) H.D. Deve Gowda has contributed immensely to the State, country and the Vokkaliga community. Deve Gowda as a Prime Minister has achieved at the international level. His works during his brief stint as PM was enormous. Deve Gowda provided reservations to all sections of the society including women in local body elections. He provided Highways, Metro Rail, Irrigation projects and waived off loans to the benefit of the people, said G.T. Devegowda, who also lauded the development works of other Hassan district leaders like H.C. Srikantaiah and Puttaswamygowda apart from assuring to provide a site for the Hassan Balaga in city from MUDA.

Hassan district students in city, who have scored high marks in SSLC and PUC examinations and settled in Mysuru were encouraged by giving them Pratibha Puraskar.

MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar, Vokkaliga Association Working President C.G. Gangadhar, Dr. M.B. Manjegowda, President of Hassan Zilla Balaga P. Sharadamma, Hon. President B.B. Ramakrishna, Vice-President Puttaswamygowda, General Secretary B.B. Rangegowda and others were present on the occasion.

Awareness drive marks Road Safety Week Celebrations at Nexus Mall

Nexus Centre City had organised the Road Safety Week at the Mall on Hyder Ali Road in Nazarbad recently to promote safety and encourage citizens to follow rules laid down by traffic authorities. As part of the initiative, Nexus Mall had characters dressed in avatars of Yamaraja (SAVE Raja) and Chitragupta (RULES Gupta) to interact and engage with customers and create a sense of road safety and understand the importance of following traffic rules. The 5-day awareness drive saw huge participation and praises from the customers.

Excellence Award for School

Coorg Public School (COPS), Gonikoppal, South Kodagu, was declared one among the top 500 schools in India and bestowed with the School Excellence Award by Brainfeed and ED TECH X during its 10th National Conference in Hyderabad recently. A trophy was awarded recognising the school's committed efforts towards fructifying the vision and innovative approach to groom the young learners with skills for life. S. Vijayalakshmi, Principal, is seen receiving the trophy, on behalf of the institution, from the dignitaries.

WORD OF THE DAY

Catercorner

Pronunciation: KAT-ee-kor-ner.
Meaning: Catercorner is used as both an adverb and adjective to describe things that are situated in a diagonal or oblique position. The word is a less common variant of kitty-corner.
Origin: Catercorner gets its first element from the Middle French noun quatre, meaning "four," which English speakers modified to cater and applied to the four-dotted side of a die—a side important in several winning combinations in dice games. Perhaps because the four spots on a die can suggest an X, cater eventually came to be used dialectically with the meaning of "diagonal" or "diagonally"; cater was then combined with corner to form catercorner. Eventually the variants kitty-corner and catty-corner, which are now the more common forms, developed. Despite all appearances, these terms bear no etymological relation to our feline friends.
Example: "Let history record that it rained on the chilly-by-Southern-standards night World Series came to Cobb County. Let it also reflect that nobody much cared. The Fall Classic graced Atlanta — and 2 different ballparks—with its presence five times in '90s. For the suburban stadium that sits catercorner from Cumberland Mall, this was all new." — Mark Bradley

THE ODD WORD

Caesious

Bluish or greyish green.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Come hell or high water

Meaning: When you say 'Come Hell or High Water' you mean that you are willing to do whatever it takes to overcome difficulty or obstacles.
Origin: The expression originated in America. The first printed reference comes from an Iowa newspaper, The Burlington Weekly Hawk Eye, dated May 1882: "Since that time best of my friends had become enemies and strangers have become friends. The devil had broke loose in many parts of the country and keeping up with the old saying, we've had unrevised hell & high water, and a mighty heap of high water, I tell you."
Example: "I'm going to make it to the dance on Saturday, come hell or high water!"

QUOTE BOX

If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water. **— Loren Eiseley**

RIDDLE THIS

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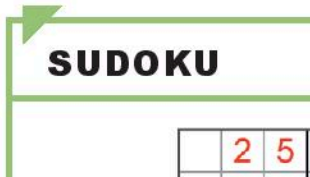

Answer :Highly likely.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Pretoria locale
4 Against all ___ : come what may?
8 "Mesh" anagram for a Biblical character?
12 Delicious
13 Means of travel
14 To have extreme dislike
15 Scrooge's name
17 Extinct ox
18 Stories
19 Our motherland
20 Reverberate
22 Loved ones, in a manner of speaking?
24 Verse or poem
26 Albanian coin
27 Acting Pilot Off.
30 Overly inquisitive
32 Scorched on the surface
34 Choose - wrong "pot" ?
35 Ethiopian prince
37 Bangladesh capital
38 Same again
40 Female sheep
41 Monetary unit of India
44 Mountain nymph
46 Ancient name of Ireland
47 Calumnies; defamations
50 March time fatal for Caesar
51 In short, no more on active duty?
52 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
53 In the ___ : in one's birthday suit?
54 Those singular items
55 Pounds

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	I	D	A	■	M	L	I	■	A	L	E	F
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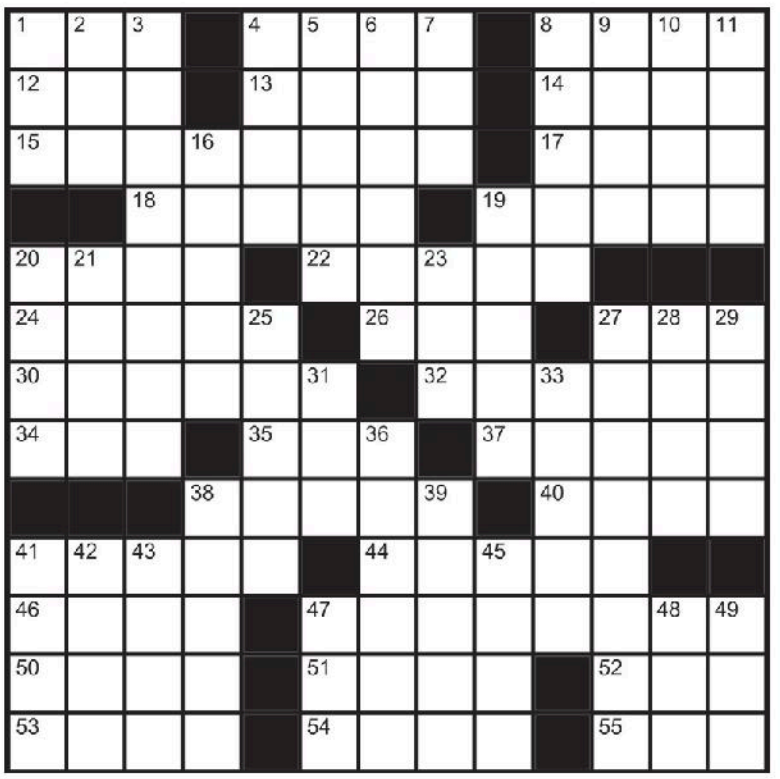
DOWN

1 Cereal grass
2 Hefty sandwich
3 Purple quartz gemstone
4 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
5 In a state of stupor
6 Petroleum distillate
7 Camera type
8 Avoids or ignores
9 As __ as nails?
10 Needle case
11 Loma kin - "same" anagram?
16 Supermodel Campbell
19 Annoyed, disgusted or bored
20 Cube inventor Rubik
21 Cut with an axe
23 Roman bronze
25 Frighteningly weird
27 Get _ ___ ___ : get unfair or bad treatment? (1,3,4)
28 Small dog, for short - "keep" anagram?
29 Harem rooms
31 Treacherous rodent
33 Further forward in space or in time
36 Purloined
38 Close-packed
39 Make a speech
41 Curb, check
42 Asian language
43 Having various colours
45 Brings to a conclusion
47 Standing Room Only, abbr.
48 Steal from
49 Elite military force



SUDOKU

	2	5		7		4		
	8		5					
3	7				4			
		9		6				5
	5						8	
7				3		1		
			6				1	7
					3		2	
		7		9		8	6	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	5	9	1	8	3	6	4
6	3	8	2	5	4	1	9	7
9	1	4	7	3	6	5	2	8
7	9	6	8	2	5	4	1	3
5	2	3	6	4	1	8	7	9
8	4	1	3	7	9	6	5	2
3	8	9	1	6	7	2	4	5
1	5	2	4	9	3	7	8	6
4	6	7	5	8	2	9	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FN VPD WP API OPAZDMU JMEN, VPD KFEE

GM OPAZDMUMW GV JMEN.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Good writing takes more than just time; it wants your best moments and the best of you.

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Orchestra Mysuru (K)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Kuttey (H)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Varisu (Ta)	(S-1)	12.45 pm, 3.55 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-2)	10.05 pm; (S-4) 9.45 am
Thunivu (Ta)	(S-1)	10.20 pm; (S-2) 4.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Manku Bhai Foxy Rani (K)	(S-2)	10.00 am
Avatar: The way of water (E-3D)	(S-2)	12.25 pm
Walter Veerayya (Te)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Kuttey (H)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Veera Simha Reddy (Te)	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 10.05 pm

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Orchestra Mysuru (K)	:	6.20 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	:	10 am, 4.15 pm, 7 pm, 9.45 pm
Varisu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Veera Simha Reddy (Te)	:	10 am, 4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Waltair Veerayya (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.45 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (K-3D)	:	12.50 pm
Vedha (K)	:	1.15 pm
Manku Bhai Foxy Rani (K)	:	4.10 pm

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		7 pm, 10.30 pm
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		7 pm, 10.30 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
Waltair Veerayya (Te)	:	11.45am, 3.05pm, 6.25pm, 9.45pm
Kuttey (H)	:	1.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	4.05 pm
Plane (E)	:	4.05 pm, 10.25 pm
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Waltair Veerayya (Te)	:	11.35 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Varisu (Ta)	:	12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	:	12.05 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.40 pm
Vedha (K)	:	12.25 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	:	2.55 pm
Veera Simha Reddy (Te)	:	3.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Manku Bhai Foxy Rani (K)	:	10.20 pm

Winners of MUICT Athletics Overall Championship

SBRR Mahajana First Grade College won the Men's Athletics Overall Championship of MUICT 2022-23 with 62 points. The Tournament was organised by the Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM). Seen are *(sitting from left)* ***Suhas Gowda, Coach P.S. Madhusudhana, Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Mahajana Education Society Secretary Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Physical Education Director Dr. H.N. Bhaskar and Team Captain Agnish;*** *(standing)* ***Somashekar, Deepak, Danush, Rakesh, Prajwal, Gagan L. Gowda, Sabith, Aniketh, Milind S. Prasad, Prajwal, Ullash Gowda, Chidhan and Rahul Dravid.***

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 18)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Jnaana Yagna, Chanting of Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** discourse in Kannada on 'Narada Bhakti Sutra' by Swami Krutaatmanandaji, Sri Gurudeva Datta Sannidhi, 6th Main, III Stage, Gokulam, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore Midtown and Image Rotary:** Presentation of Rotary Mysore Midtown H. Ramachandregowda Memorial Progressive Farmer Award to K.S. Avinash, Kogilavadi, Periyapatna taluk, Mysuru district, by Badagalapura Nagendra, President, Karnataka Rajya Raita Sangha, Award instituted by Rtn. R. Ravindra Babu, Proprietor, Ravi Medicals, Mysuru, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **7 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** 30th anniversary celebrations, National Theatre Festival, renowned poet H.S. Shivaprakash inaugurates, National School of Drama-Bengaluru Director Veena Sharma presides, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan guests of honour, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Kendonians' by Astitva, Mangaluru, written by M.P. Rajesh, directed by Arun Lal (Kerala), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 19)

- **Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghatan-Karnataka and Nehru Yuva Kendra-Mysuru:** 14th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme, Yoga Session with Yoga Trainer, formal inauguration, District Minister S.T. Somashekar and Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Kote M. Shivanna will be present, Fine Arts College, Bogadi Road, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**
- **Sree Nataraja Pratishtana - Sree Nataraja Higher Primary and High School:** 32nd and 24th Annual Day celebrations, Sree Nataraja Pratishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, Block Education Officer-South Zone (Mysuru) R. Ramaradhya chief guest, Sree Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa presides, prize distribution by Corporator B.V. Manjunath and KR Police Station Circle Inspector N.V. Mahesh, Sree Nataraja auditorium, Shankar Mutt Road, K.R. Mohalla, **3 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayogananda-ji speaks on 'Adhyatma Ramayana,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Jnaana Yagna, Chanting of Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** discourse in Kannada on 'Narada Bhakti Sutra' by Swami Krutaatmanandaji, Sri Gurudeva Datta Sannidhi, 6th Main, III Stage, Gokulam, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Mysore Piteelu Chowdiah Samsmarane, honouring Vidu. Lalgudi Rajalakshmi with the title 'Dhanur Vainikabrahma,' Violin Duet by Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan and Vidu. H.M. Smitha, accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G. Guruprasanna on kanjira [Sponsor - *Sangeetha Ratna* Mysore T. Chowdiah Vedike Convenors Mysore A. Chandan and Mayura], Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi:** 30th anniversary celebrations, National Theatre Festival, staging of Hindi play 'Samrajyam' by Abhinaya Kalyana, Mumbai, written by Jagadish Pawar, directed Abhijeet Zunjarrao, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob. : 7829999465

Orchestra Mysuru (K)	(S-4)	6.00 pm
Varisu (Ta)	(S-1)	12.25 pm, 3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.30 am
Thunivu (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 am; (S-3) 3.45 pm
	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Walatair Veerayya (Te)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.25 am, 10.10 pm
Veera Simha Reddy (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm; (S-4) 11.10 am, 2.35 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-3)	12.35 pm
Avatar: The Way of Water (E-3D)	(S-4)	9.50 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Orchestra Mysuru (K)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Varisu (Ta)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Varisu (Tamil Atmos)	(S-2)	9.35 am, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Thunivu (Ta)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 7.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Thunivu (Tamil atmos)	(S-2)	12.50 pm
Waltair Veerayya (Te)	(S-1)	12.40 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Waltair Veerayya (Telugu Atmos)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
Kuttey (H)	(S-3)	1.05 pm; (S-4) 7.30 pm
Veera Simha Reddy (Te)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am, 10.00 pm
Manku Bhai Foxy Rani (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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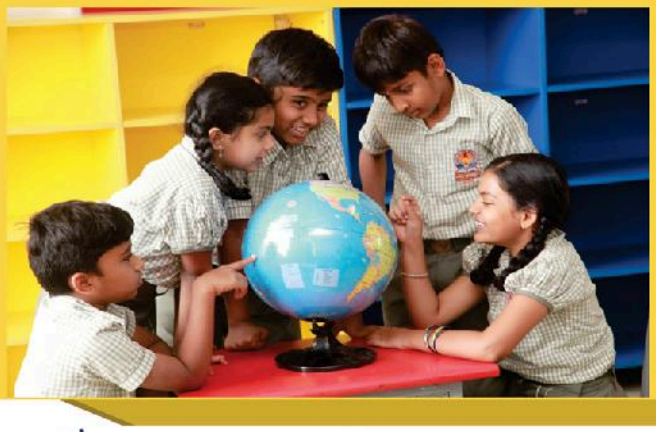

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